Import ol equipment tor the National Thermal Power Corporation

1988. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the equipment for the National Thermal Power Corporation was imported through any Indian company or any Indian companies were used as commission agents during the last 3 to 4 years; and

(b) if so, the names of the Indian companies and value of equipment bought from them or the commission these companies got?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) National Thermal Power Corporation have neither imported any equipment through any Indian company nor used any commission agent for this purpose. Some of the foreign firms on whom NTPC have placed direct orders may have appointed Indian companies as their agents and the contract price includes commission/service charges payable to them.

(b) Does not arise.

Bridge on river Ganga

1989. SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that the bridge on the Ganga known as Raoli bridge has not been opened to traffic even two years after its completion;

(b) what a[re] the reasons that approach roads leading to the bridge remained incomplete till day; and

(c) whether any departmental or other inquiry has been instituted to investigate the causes in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to the bridge over Ganga river near Daranagar on Bij-nor-Muzaffarnagar road in Uttar Pradesh. The bridge in question, being on a State Road, the execution of the same is the responsibility of State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

The State Government have intimated that the bridge is complete but not yet opened to traffic because the Forest Department has not yet handed over the land for the construction of Muzaffarnagar [s]ide approach.

(c) Yes Sir, the question of delay in construction of Muzaffarnagar approach is pending with the Assurance Committee of Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha. This is, however, essentially a matter within the purview of the State Government.

Estimated cost of Mirage 2000 planes

1990. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated cost of Mirage 2000 fighter planes which were received and inducted into I.A.F.; and

(b) by when they are likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) It will not be in public interest to disclose this information.